

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN RE:

THE ADOPTION OF COUNTYWIDE PLANNING)
POLICIES FOR LEWIS COUNTY, REPLACING)
POLICIES ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 08-349)

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WHEREAS, Lewis County adopted Countywide Planning policies in 1995 in conjunction with Resolution No. 95-389 and has subsequently amended said Policies from time to time, the last amendment having been approved in 2008 by Resolution No. 08-349; and

WHEREAS, the process for adopting Countywide Planning Policies and allocating population and projecting growth for use with the Comprehensive Plan is prescribed within the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planned Growth Committee, created as a collaborative effort of the County and incorporated Cities of Lewis County for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding land use planning policies and population projections, and the Lewis County Planning Commission, have both submitted to the Board of County Commissioners recommended amendments to the existing Countywide Planning Policies, population allocations and projections for Lewis County, Washington pursuant to RCW 36.70A.210; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a hearing on November 29, 2010 to take public testimony concerning the proposed amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS the Board considered testimony and recommendations from the Planned Growth Committee and Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The County first adopted Countywide Planning Policies in 1995 to provide a policy framework for developing the County Comprehensive Plan and its development regulations and has from time to time amended said policies, the last such amendment being in December 2008.
2. The County must review and if necessary amend the Countywide Planning Policies to reflect the changing character of the County and revisions to the GMA.
3. The County reconvened the Planned Growth Committee (PGC) in early 2010 to carry out the County responsibilities consistent with GMA guidelines and make recommendations to the Board.
4. The PGC is composed of duly appointed representatives of County government and each of the incorporated cities and towns of Lewis County.
5. Following the PGC amendment process the policies were sent to local jurisdictions and the Lewis County Planning Commission for review and comments.
6. The proposed amendments to the Policies were recommended by the Lewis County Planned Growth Committee (PGC) and Planning Commission pursuant to RCW 36.70A.210.
7. The proposed policies meet the statutory requirements of the Growth Management Act as set forth in RCW 36.70A.210.
8. The policies are a necessary framework on which to prepare revisions to the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and local area comprehensive plans.

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CONCLUSIONS:

1. The changes to local area conditions and revisions to the Growth Management Act as interpreted by the County necessitates the revision and update of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan.
2. Upon consideration of the public testimony and other evidence presented to the Board of County Commissioners it is in the public interest to adopt the Countywide Planning Policies as amended in "Attachment 1" to guide in the development of comprehensive plan revisions and implementing mechanisms.
3. The policies and process are consistent with the Growth Management Act.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County, Washington does hereby approve and adopt the Countywide Planning Policies for Lewis County, Washington as amended and included herewith as "Attachment 1."

DATED this 29th day of November, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Michael Golden, Prosecuting Attorney

By:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:


Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board

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